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SUBJ: NEW POLITICAL PARTY LAUNCHED BY SECRETARY GENERAL

NGARTA TOMBALBAYE

1. AT FINAL DAY'S SESSION, NATIONAL CONVENTION FORMALLY APPROVED PRESIDENT TOMBALBAYE'S PROPOSAL THAT PARTI PROGRESSISTE TCHADIEN BE DISSOLVED AND REPLACED BY MOUVEMENT NATIONAL POUR LA REVOLUTION CULTURELLE ET SOCIALE. TOMBALBAYE, WHO HAS ADOPTED AUTHENTIC FIRST NAME NGARTA, BECAME SECRETARY GENERAL AND WILL NAME TEN-MEMBER EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

2. MNRCS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR BROADENING AND DEEPENING CHAD'S CULTURAL REVOLUTION. KEY PROGRAMS INCLUDE CHANGING OF  
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FOREIGN NAMES TO AUTHENTIC CHADIAN ONES, ENCOURAGEMENT OF

TRIBAL INITIATION CEREMONIES AND NATIONALIZATION OF FOREIGN-OWNED UNDEVELOPED LAND. CONVENTION RATIFIED PROPOSAL TO FORM PRESENT PREFECTURAL STRUCTURE INTO FIVE GOVERNORATES, EACH WITH A COUNCIL OF NOTABLES. IT ENDORSED NEW DIRECTIONS IN FOREIGN POLICY AND IN WAKE OF PRESIDENT'S ASSAULT ON SECSTATE JACQUES FOCCART, FORMALLY STATED REFUSAL TO DEAL WITH FRANCE THROUGH HIM. CIVIC LEGION FOR YOUTH SERVICE WAS ALSO ENDORSED.

3. PRESIDENT EMPHATICALLY DENIED ANY INVOLVEMENT IN ASSASSINATION DR. BONO IN PARIS, WHICH HE TERMED HIBYOUS AND SAVAGE. HIS ALLUSION TO BONO'S REVALRY WITH FROLINAT FOR EXPATRIATE CHADIAN SUPPORT SEEMS TO INDICATE HIS THINKING.

4. COMMENT: PRESIDENT HAS NOW VERBALLY SWEPT AWAY ENTIRE OLD ORDER AND HAS ISSUED APPEAL FOR RETURN TO AUTHENTIC AFRICAN AND CHADIAN VALUES, BUT HE HAS NOT YET REPLACED ANYTHING. ENTIRE MNRCS NOW CONSISTS ONLY OF SECGEN TOMBALBAYE. ALTHOUGH OPPORTUNITY NOW SEEMS TO EXIST FOR NEW FACES AND NEW SPIRIT TO APPEAR ON SCENE, SKEPTICS FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT OLDTIMERS LIKE ABO NASSOUR, KERALLAH, DJIME, DOUBA ALIFA AND ARABI EL GONI, WHO DATE FROM PRE-INDEPENDENCE POLITICS, WILL NOT BE GIVEN IMPORTANT ROLES IN THE NEW PARTY AND GOVERNMENT. AND IF THEY DO CONTINUE TO TURN UP IN HIGH PLACES, THE ENTHUSIASM OF YOUTH, WHICH THE PRESIDENT SEEMS TO BE SOLICITING, WILL BE HARD TO OBTAIN.

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